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finishes the work and his report is received nothing can be done.

75. Construction of roads and bridges.

Mr. Kuruvila Ousep (Member, Meenachil Taluk) requested that early arrangements might be made in the taluk for the proper maintenance of the existing public roads, the construction of necessary bridges and the conversion of the important village roads into cart roads.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. The Member might mention the urgent needs of the taluk at the meeting which will be held shortly under the presidency of the Acting Chief Engineer Mr. Jacob.

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76. Construction of a bridge across the Muvattupuzha river.

Mr. Kanakku Narayanan Sankaran (Member, Muvattupuzha Taluk) said that the Muvattupuzha river divided the town into two parts, the public offices and schools being on the southern side and the market and shops being on the northern side of the river. It was thus very necessary for the people to cross and re-cross the river several times every day. There were at present only ferry-boats at the place. Considering the inconvenience to the people and the possible danger to life in times of flood, he requested that a bridge might be constructed across the river at the 131st mile stone on the Main Central Road. The people would not grudge to pay any toll that might be levied after the bridge is constructed.

Dewan's reply .—Noted.

77. Reduction of the settlement rates.

Mr. Kanakku Narayanan Sankaran (Member, Muvattupuzha Taluk) represented that lands which, at the ayacut, had been recorded as single crop, were, at the recent settlement of the taluk, treated as double crop lands. Both the tharams and the rates of assessment fixed on their lands were very high. The cocoanut trees were also classed under much higher tharams than in other taluks, though they were decidedly inferior in quality. He requested therefore that a reduction of the rates might be ordered.

Dewan's reply.—The settlement of the taluk is being conducted. The Member's representation will be communicated to the Settlement Peishkar.

78. Construction of an embankment at Irookooty.

Mr. Ouseph Kuryayippu (Member, Muvattupuzha Taluk) said that, if an embankment at a height of 12 feet were constructed across the Kothamangalam river at a place called Irookooty, twelve miles from Kothamangalam,

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